



DIVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Community Health Services
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MEMORANDUM 2008-05

TO: All Vaccine Providers

FROM: Tim Heath
Immunization Program Coordinator

DATE: 03/27/2008

RE: Underinsured Patients, VMBIP, Monthly Reports

Dear Vaccine Provider:

Effective immediately, Community Health Nurses (CHN) will be able to give VFC only vaccines to the underinsured. This has been accomplished by a Delegation of Authority agreement which gives the CHN sites the authority to administer VFC vaccines to the underinsured.

This is a huge step in eliminating a distance barrier to underinsured clients. Previously an underinsured patient needed to receive VFC vaccines at a Federally Qualified Health Center or Rural Health clinic. Some patients needed to travel several miles to one of these facilities. Removing this barrier, even a little, should help out with increasing the immunization coverage rates of underinsured individuals.

Please see this web site <http://doh.sd.gov/LocalOffices/CHS.aspx> for a list of CHN offices. Please note that sites designated as Alliance Sites are not covered under this agreement, and cannot give VFC vaccines to underinsured patients.

We have now transitioned to having our vaccines shipped from McKesson in Memphis, TN. The shipping boxes should have a UPS return label on the inside flap and should be returned to McKesson. If no return label is with the box, you can contact McKesson at 1-877-VAC-PRGM. This is the only time you should contact McKesson. Any other issues should be directed to Lori King at 607-773-4963 or Tim Heath at 605-773-5323.

Please remember that your monthly reports are still due by the 5th of each month. If you are utilizing the SDIIS you are required to submit the clinic inventory and the doses administered reports. Please make certain that you manually count your inventory each month and record the information on the clinic inventory report in the refrigerator column. Reports that are turned in with this column blank will not be accepted and will be returned to you to complete. For those providers NOT using the

SDIIS, the vaccine monthly administration report is due by the 5th of each month. You can fax the above reports to Lori King at 605-773-4113 or mail them to South Dakota Department of Health, Immunization Program, 615 East 4th Street, Pierre, South Dakota, attention: Lori King.

Please contact me at 605-773-5323 or email at tim.heath@state.sd.us if you have any questions.

I have also included a copy of the new catch up schedule.

Thanks,

Tim Heath